



General Assembly

February Session, 2016

Raised Bill No. 5539

LCO No. 1906



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING MENINGITIS VACCINES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10a-155b of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

3 (a) For students who first enroll in the [2014-2015] 2016-2017 school
4 year, and first enroll in each school year thereafter, each public or
5 [private college or university] independent institution of higher
6 education in this state shall require that each student who resides in
7 on-campus housing be vaccinated against [meningitis] all known
8 serogroups of meningococcal disease and submit evidence of having
9 received a meningococcal conjugate vaccine, meningococcal
10 polysaccharide vaccine, serogroup B meningococcal vaccine and any
11 other vaccine for a known serogroup of meningococcal disease not
12 more than five years before enrollment as a condition of such
13 residence. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any such
14 student who (1) presents a certificate from a physician, an advanced
15 practice registered nurse or a physician assistant stating that, in the
16 opinion of such physician, advanced practice registered nurse or

17 physician assistant, such [vaccination is] vaccinations are medically
 18 contraindicated because of the physical condition of such student, or
 19 (2) presents a statement that such [vaccination] vaccinations would be
 20 contrary to the religious beliefs of such student.

21 (b) For the [2002-2003] 2016-2017 school year, and each school year
 22 thereafter, each public or [private college or university] independent
 23 institution of higher education in this state shall (1) provide
 24 information about [meningitis] all known serogroups of
 25 meningococcal disease to all prospective students prior to their
 26 matriculation and include with that information notice of the
 27 availability and benefits of [a meningitis vaccine] vaccines for all
 28 known serogroups of meningococcal disease, and (2) develop
 29 procedures for receiving and keeping a record of student vaccination
 30 status.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2016	10a-155b
-----------	--------------	----------

Statement of Purpose:

To require students of public and independent institutions of higher education in the state to be vaccinated against all known serogroups of meningococcal disease to be able to reside in on-campus housing.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]